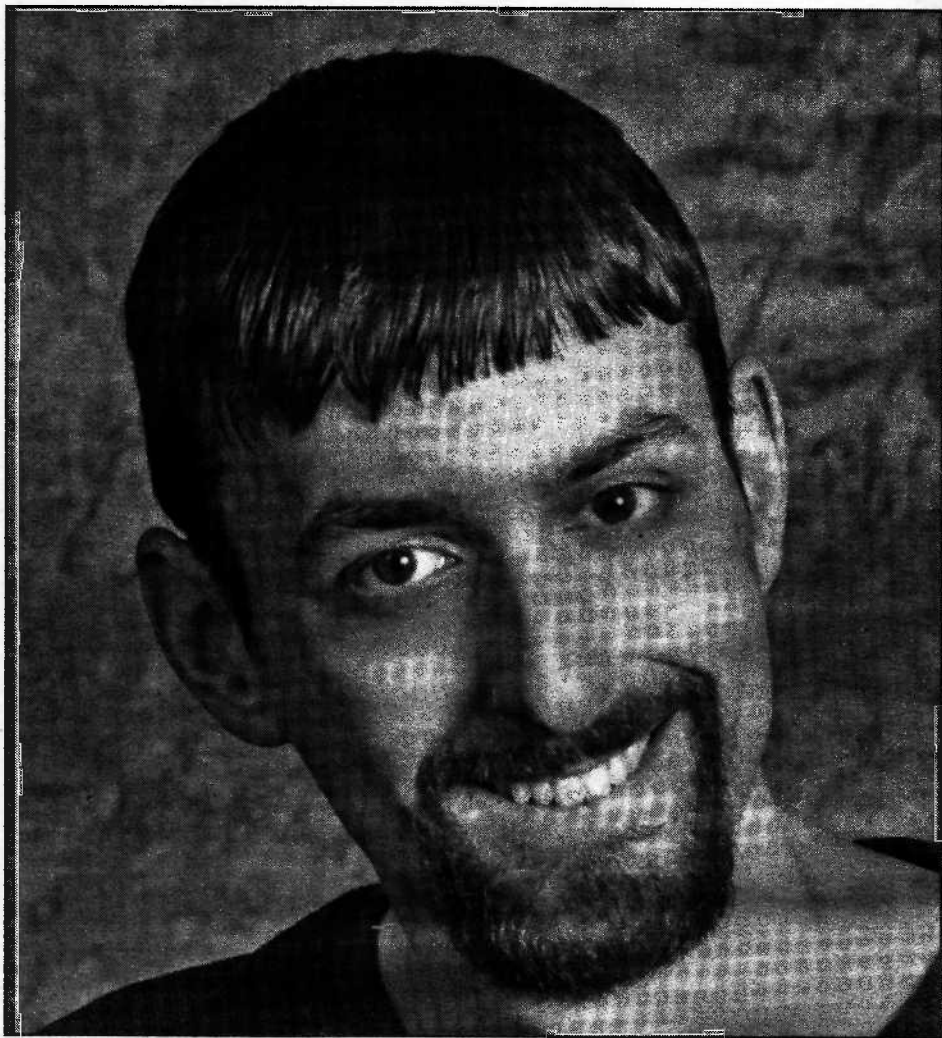


Student Spotlight: Theatre

Alan Holasek



By Jessica Leatherman

Everyone who considers themselves a student has something in mind for what they are going to do with their lives. Students know what they want from life or at least at some point they are able to realize what it is they have wanted all along if they have not been already headed in that direction. Alan Holasek is one of those students who know where he is headed. As a senior, his intended major is Theatre with a minor in Dance as well.

Time will tell everyone what is in their future, and for Holasek this happened when he was only 15-years-old. "I first got involved with theatre when I was 15-years-old. I got cut from my high school basketball team and decided to audition for a play our school was putting on at the time, because I had nothing else to do. I've been involved non-stop ever since." Holasek has enjoyed every minute he has gotten to spend on the stage and enjoys helping out theatre productions in any way that he can for the best possible show. Holasek has been involved in a variety of different shows that extend far beyond Concordia University's doors.

For example he has spent time working with the Paul Bunyan Playhouse and the Minnesota Showboat production of *A Three Penny Christmas*. Holasek has also been in the recent shows on campus of *Germinal* and *The Robber Bridegroom*. He also mentions the past musical of *Pippin*, one of his favorite shows. "Pippin was a really fun show to do with a lot of dancing, good songs, and funny parts. But mainly it was because of the role I got to play. The character was named Lewis and he was a really crazy and goofy character which made him fun to play but what I really loved about this role was that I was

really able to bring a lot of my own 'tricks' to the role, and really make it my own more so than any other role I have had so far."

One question that seems to cross the minds of other students is why that particular school? Why a student would chose to come to Concordia University instead of perhaps another school. "The combination of a great department with a good Christian atmosphere, I really love the teachers in our department because not only do you get the one on one attention you need to be an actor but they also encourage you to go out and audition for shows outside of school [...] I also love the strong Christ-centered environment that we have here where I can grow in my faith while growing as a performer. Wherever I may go in my life I want God to be honored for the gifts and abilities he has given me." Holasek also mentioned a little advice for anyone who wishes to audition and give the theatre stage a try, "GO FOR IT!!! It is a lot of fun and until you try it you will never know if it is for you." As many other students at Concordia, Holasek is also a part of many other things on campus, one of these being the Christus Choir. He mentions that one of the favorite things as far as college experiences go would have to be singing with the Christus Choir, "last spring we went to South Korea." Holasek would also just like to mention the following to all of the students and faculty/staff out there, "Come and see *The Diary of Anne Frank* showing March 14-17. It is a great show with a great cast and admission is free for EVERYONE!!!"

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